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## Remember The Star Booster Edition!

Covering The Entire State of Oklahoma - To Commemorate The Meeting of The National Negro Business Men's League At Muskogee, August 14-15 1914.

### White Woman Falsely Accuses Young Negro

World-Sun Publishes Sensational Story of Alleged Crime; But is Silent When Negro Is Vindicated

To Protect Indian Lover Who "Bent Her Up" White Girl Charges Negro Porter With Vicious Crime; And As Usual Daily Paper Tells Only One Side of Story

The Tulsa Evening Sun, the 11 o'clock edition of the Tulsa World, of Tuesday, June 9th, published under bold black-face head lines on the front page a sensational story about a Negro porter at the St. Regis rooming house assaulting a young white woman in her room early Tuesday morning.

Jimnie Nichols, the porter at the St. Regis was arrested and put in jail Tuesday and the 3 o'clock issue of the World-Sun published the same sensational story again, telling how the plucky white woman had fought desperately for at least five minutes before help came to rescue her from the desperate clutches of the black man, etc.

The article in question, referred in part to the story as follows:

#### Many Complaints.

Miss Cazort was taken to the matron's room at the police station where she is under the care of the matron and physicians, not having any relatives in Tulsa. She was badly bruised about the hip and breast in her fight to protect herself while her little finger on her left hand was bitten off, the nail hanging. She was bloody about the breast and face.

"In an interview with a Sun reporter this morning Miss Cazort said that it was the second time that the negro had attempted to commit the act and that a number of other ladies at the hotel had complained about being insulted by him."

No one with good common sense of course, could much credence in the story because the Sun has already established a splendid reputation for yellow journalism.

Nichols was tried in the municipal court Wednesday and after hearing the evidence in the case Judge Clark released him from custody.

It developed that the white woman had been attacked by her Indian lover and to protect him she was willing to charge an innocent Negro with a vicious crime. The landlady at the St. Regis knew the facts in the case and went to the police station and told all she knew. As a result Nichols was released and restored to his position.

The World-Sun has been silent about this.

The landlady speaks very highly of Nichols. She says he has always given satisfaction there and that no one has ever complained to her about

him.

It is just such flimsy stories as this, told by degenerated, unscrupulous white women and published in glaring head lines in such newspapers as the World-Sun that have been the direct cause of many innocent Negroes being lynched in the Southland. Fortunately for us all, however, this happened in Tulsa, where the majority of the people believe in law and order and where the reputation of the World-Sun is best known.

#### A WORD TO THE OKLAHOMA FARMERS.

During the period 1900-1910, the proportion of land in farms operated by owners showed a decrease among the colored farmers in Oklahoma.

It is not possible to tell exactly what the falling off above indicates. It is very likely, however, that it was due to a practice already condemned in a recent editorial of The Negro Farmer, that is, the practice of attempting to purchase too much land and losing the land already owned.

It is hoped that if this is the case, our farmers will see to it that no more land is bargained for than can be purchased and that land already owned will not be mortgaged to pay for more—Tuskegee Farmer.

#### THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

If the local option liquor law is submitted to the people of Oklahoma for their vote next fall, it is hard to predict the position the Negro voter will take in the matter. One thing is certain. If we must have whisky—liquor—let it be handled by a different class from the bootlegger. Events in the past few weeks should convince us that the bootlegger as we read of him and as we know his actions, is an extremely vicious fellow, who will go up against anything that will keep his business going.

#### CROP CONDITIONS.

According to the government crop reports the crops in Oklahoma are above a ten-year average at this time. Cotton is looking fine and small grain safe. Corn may suffer for a July rain but on a whole things are hopeful for the farmers in Oklahoma.

### Star Booster Edition

The Tulsa Star, being the leading Negro paper in the state, has shouldered the responsibility of bringing the Negro business men of Oklahoma closer together and giving them a creditable representation at the annual meeting of the National Negro Business Men's League at Muskogee in August.

In order to do this as it should be done the Star will publish a special twenty-page Oklahoma Booster edition as a souvenir of this great national meeting of Negro business men.

This special edition will be the largest Negro newspaper ever published in America and will be a credit to the entire state. Every Negro business man, professional man or farmer; every Negro woman, girl or boy living within the bounds of Oklahoma, who has done anything worth while will be given space in this special edition if it is possible for our special agents and reporters to find them.

The Star photographer will make special efforts to make pictures of Negro farms and business houses as well as beautiful residences owned by Negroes, that we may have cuts made to run in this special Booster edition. Our agents will visit every town in the State where Negroes reside, if possible, and we hope every colored man and woman in the State will help us. It is our purpose to show up the best side of the Negroes of Oklahoma at the big meeting at Muskogee.

The Negroes of this State will be on trial before the greatest body of Negroes in the world, headed by one of the leading educators of the world, and it will be expected of us to make a good showing.

The Star will make it possible for us to present a better case than any States has presented to this great body heretofore.

Help us to help you.

### Newly Weds In Muskogee Town

Special to the Tulsa Star.

Muskogee, June 12.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes of Tulsa, the newly weds, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greene in this city Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Greene who is the wife of the famous photographic artist, proved herself equal to the occasion as hostess. A very palatable dinner was served with Miss E. E. Shorter, Miss T. Granvil and Mr. Ambros the additional guests.

The elegant home of the hostess was brilliant and charmingly decorated with cut flowers. Mrs. Greene deserves special commendation for the unique preparations which made the guests so appreciative.

### PAGE TO ERECT HOME FOR NEGRO CHILDREN

Tulsa's Millionaire Phillanthropist  
The Hero of The Day

Chas. Page, the well-known millionaire, philanthropist of Tulsa, has given his word for it that he will build an orphanage for Negro children soon at Sand Springs.

There is something very commendable in this effort upon the part of Mr. Page; which makes him an exception among the great men of the nation.

Great men of means have given large donations to homes for needy white people, but as a rule they forget how helpless and needy are the people of other races. Amongst the few exceptions to this rule Mr. Page stands comparatively alone as a man of the West.

That this act upon the part of Mr. Page will be appreciated by the Negro people there can be no argument. We are sadly in need of a state school for incorrigible youths, conducted upon honest, fair and business methods. But not a man in the state legislature has dared insist upon the building of institutions for Negro people. Public sentiment seems to be very strongly against the man who confesses any good feeling toward Negroes and for want of friends we have been denied any support from the state towards making better citizens of the unfortunate of our people.

Along the same line there may have been liberal hearted men and women who have been kindly disposed to contribute to the building of institutions for the elevation of our young men and women but they have feared to speak out and no one seems to have had the stamina to start the agitation or to make possible for any creditable movement along the lines mentioned. Every white man has considered himself privileged to register a knock against Negroes and to pass them along, to the jail house, the chain-gang and the penitentiary.

It would not be fair to suggest that some very mean people live in Oklahoma. As good citizens, doing the best we can under very adverse circumstances, we hesitate to bring the charge, but in face of the general treatment we have received in the past, we kiss the hand of men like Mr. Page who rise in their inclination to do good and the right, to stoop to remember the many poor, suffering orphans of our race, who have been made homeless and alone through over-exertion of parents in an effort to keep souls and bodies together.

We stop to think of the people of the cities—how they exist, not live—in crowded houses, in low marshy flats, in alley and cellars, all cruelly unsanitary and exposed to contagion and disease. We think of the poor Negro family trying to make what he calls a home for their children. The poor mother cannot carry her little ones with her to "the white-folks' yard," so at daybreak the children are left after a scant breakfast to shift for themselves while the older ones go to work. The father goes in one direction with his lawn mower or saw-buck; the mother in opposite direction to the kitchen or laundry and the older children in still another direction to whatever work they can find.

No wonder that, from overwork, exposure and worry, that so many Negro children are orphans. The wonder is that there are not more. As a race, our resources are not sufficient to spare them a fair support and we appreciate from the bottom of our souls, the help which comes from the great and good people who have means to spare. The great example of Mr. Page in rembering "even the least of these" will bear its fruit in the hearts of Christian people everywhere, as one of true and unselfish charity, which gives for the sake of giving and not for applause. For the many little black hands in Oklahoma, outstretched for mercy, we thank Mr. Page for his liberal gift and appreciate the gift for the spirit in which it is given.

### The National League

What the Meeting of the Negro Business League Means to Us.

During the month of August there will be a monster meeting of negro people at Muskogee. Special trains will be run from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas for delegates and prospectors and the attendance should run well up into the thousands. This will make an opportunity for Tulsa people to interest investors in the opportunities offered here for placing their money. It simply takes systematic organization and a little hustle upon our part. Whatever people in other parts of the state fall to do we should get busy on a "get there" spirit and have some of the live ones visit Tulsa. Only a short time remains and if we cannot accomplish results with a large number we can do it with a few. Let's get busy.

### Oklahoma Negroes Land Owners

According to statistics compiled by Ralph Tyler, he reports for Oklahoma Negroes as follows:

There are 20,871 colored farmer in the State.

These farmers work 2,276,711 acres of land.

They own 1,599,655 acres of land. The value of their property, land and buildings, increased from \$14,149,980 in 1900 to \$47,221,793 in 1910.

Fifty-three and 9-10 per cent of the colored farmers in the State own their farms.

Forty-five and 9-10 per cent of these farmers are tenants.

In 1900, 746,916 acres of the farms worked by colored farmers were improved land; in 1910, 1,172,819 acres were improved.

This seems a good evidence of advancement for the Negro people in Oklahoma. The report of Mr. Tyler means that as salvage from the ravages of the landgraftor in Oklahoma, the negro has done fairly well.